

## Order of Celebration

10:00 a.m. – Masonic Memorial Service  
Edward Dugger, Jr. Military Lodge #123

Musical Prelude

Parting View – The Family

Selection  
"Jesus is on the Mainline"

Scripture Readings:

*Old Testament*

Minister Vanetta Bellows, WPAFB Chapel 3 Ministry

*New Testament*

Deacon Nathaniel Gates, Mt. Carmel M. B. Church

Prayer

Reverend Johnny Vance  
Mt. Carmel M. B. Church

Musical Selection

Ms. Billie Ewing (God-daughter)

Resolutions and Acknowledgments

Sister Joan Roberts

The Obituary (*Read Silently*)

Expressions of Love  
(*Please limit to 3 minutes*)

Mr. Toney Sanders  
Mr. Edward Downs

Musical Selection

Minister Daria Dillard Stone

The Eulogy

Pastor Leroy Hines Anthony, M.Div.

Recessional

"When We All Get to Heaven"

Interment

Dayton National Cemetery



### Pallbearers

Akbar Temple #41  
Edward Dugger, Jr. Military Lodge #123



### Honorary Pallbearers

Edward Downs  
Chaun L. Edwards, Sr.  
Michael L. Freeman  
Alex E. Johnson  
Alonzo M. Johnson  
Toney Sanders

### Flower Bearers

Friends and Family



### Acknowledgments

The family of Jimmie E. "Jay" Johnson would like to express their sincere gratitude to everyone for their expressions of sympathy extended to us during our time of grief.

Special thanks to University of Cincinnati Medical Center; UCMC Kidney Transplant at Hoxworth Center; Beth Sanders, BSN, RN - UCMC - Waitlist Coordinator Kettering Hospital; Queen City Skilled Care; Kindred Hospital, Dayton; Davita Huber Heights Dialysis; and A-1 Cleaning for their services.

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## A Joyous Celebration of Life



# Jimmie E. Johnson

*Sunrise: November 14, 1946*

*Sunset: September 14, 2021*

*Thursday, September 23, 2021*

*Masonic Memorial Service: 10:00 a.m.*

*Life Celebration Service: 11:00 a.m.*

*Mount Carmel Missionary Baptist Church  
5370 Dayton Liberty Road, Dayton OH 45417*

*Pastor Leroy Hines Anthony, M.Div., Officiating*

## The Obituary

A Profile of Life... To God Be the Glory

*"To everything there is a season... A time to be born..." (Ecclesiastes 3:1-2)*

**Johnson, Jimmie E. "Jay"** began his journey through life on November 14, 1946 in Columbus, Georgia, blessed to the union of Homer B. Johnson and Annie Green. On Tuesday September 14, 2021 he departed from this earth to his Celestial Home to dwell as one of God's angels forevermore.

*"When I was a child..." (I Corinthians 13:11)*

Jay, as he was well known, attended Spencer High School in Columbus, Georgia. He joined the Air Force in June 1964 and traveled the world. He retired from the Air Force in December of 1987 after 23 years of service as a SMSgt. After retirement he worked for the University of Dayton and Delphi Corporation in Dayton.

*"Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing and obtaineth favour of the Lord..." (Proverbs 18:22)*

Jay, along with his wife, Jean, operated Klassic Kitchen Catering Service for 28 years, where he was known for his famous "BBQ Ribs and Chicken."

*"I must work the works of him that sent me..." (John 9:4)*

Jay was a faithful member of Mount Carmel Missionary Baptist Church in Dayton, where he served most recently as Vice Chair of the Deacon Board, Acting Church Clerk, Comptroller, and Chairman of the Multimedia Ministry. Throughout the years he also served as a Trustee, and was a member of the Carmeleers Choir, Senior Choir, Mass Choir, and Male Chorus, and headed various programs and committees, including Chair of the Pastoral Installation Committee.

He was very active in the Prince Hall Masonic Family: he served as Past Master of the Edward Dugger, Jr. Military Lodge #123; Grand Inspector General of Miami Consistory #26; A.A.S.R. Past Grand High Priest of Lincoln Chapter #2, Royal Arch Masons; Past Grand Worthy Patron of Amaranth Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star; Worthy Patron, Ruth Chapter #104, OES; Past Worthy Joshua of Burning Bush Court #3, Heroines of Jericho; Honorary Past Potentate, Akbar Temple #41, A.E.A.O.N.M.S.; Solomon Johnson Council #4, Royal and Select Masters.

*"He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds." (Psalm 147:3)*

Jay is preceded in death by his wife Alice "Jean" Johnson; his parents; two brothers George R. Johnson and John L. Fitzpatrick; and granddaughter Jordan Lynn Johnson. He leaves to cherish his memory his brother James L. Fitzpatrick (Ella) of Columbus, GA; sister-in-law Annie Jewell Brady, Dayton; son, Dexter M. Johnson, Dayton; daughter, Phyllis D. Johnson, Dayton; grandsons, Alex E. Johnson (Caitlin) of Fairborn, OH and Alonzo M. Johnson of Norfolk, NE; granddaughter, Aliyah D. Johnson, Dayton; two special cousins, James A. Barnes, Jr. (Linda M.) of Columbia, SC, and Angela Stover of Columbus, GA; favorite nephew Toney (Sherry) Sanders; special nieces Arlene Bryant, Barbara Ann Johnson, Carolyn L. Edmonds, and Brenda J. Powers; great-niece Qiana Sturdivant; and a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.



## The Obituary (continued)

Jay was a loving person who provided fatherly love to special children Nathaniel (Sharee) Gates, The Chaun (Karen) Edwards Family, Charisma T. Ramey, and Jacque J.J. Williams. Extended family members include Daria Dillard Stone and her girls, The Michael Freeman Family, The Bellows Family, The Harvey Family, The Hardnick Family, Kay Anderson and Arper Tentman, The Toliver Family, The Connie Kendall Goss Family, The Downs Family, Pastor Chad (Elley) White, Sr. Family, The Florice Williams Family, and The Craig (Sharon) Cortner Family.

*The Departure - "...absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord." (II Corinthians 5:8)*

Jay was a part of the Down the Hill Pinochle Card Game group. He was an active member of General Daniel "Chappie" James American Legion Post 776. He enjoyed cooking BBQ, and going to Wayne High School and The Ohio State University football games. He also enjoyed traveling. His traveling days are over now — it was a wonderful journey and now it's time to enjoy the next journey!



## A Message from the Family

A million times we'll miss you, a million times we'll cry.  
If love could have saved you, you never would have died.

In life we all loved you dearly, in death we'll love you still.  
In our hearts you hold a place no other can fill.

God saw you were getting tired and a cure was not to be.  
So He put his arms around you and whispered, "Come with me."

With tearful eyes we watched you, and saw you fade away.  
Although we loved you dearly, we couldn't make you stay.

A golden heart stopped beating, hardworking hands to rest.  
God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only takes the Best.

